

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 14, and 27 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a selection of properties for an
5 electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface, comprising the
6 steps of:

7 determining a context for the electronic document;

8 determining a status of a property for the electronic document; and

9 based upon the context of the electronic document and the status of the property,

10 creating a palette for the user interface so that the palette comprises a control
11 for an available property; and

12 displaying the palette in conjunction with the electronic document on the user
13 interface such that said palette does not obscure viewing of said electronic document.

14 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

15 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic
16 document;

17 based upon the change of the property or the change in context of the electronic
18 document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the
20 context of the electronic document; and

21 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is
22 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

23 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

24 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously
25 viewed.

26 4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

27 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document
28 can be simultaneously viewed.

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1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
3 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and
4 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic
5 document.

6 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
7 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
8 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and
9 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the
10 electronic document.

11 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the context of the electronic document
12 consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

13 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property consists of one of the
14 following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document
15 characteristic.

16 9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a
17 graphical user interface for an application program.

18 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a floating
19 palette.

20 11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a
21 property browser palette window.

22 12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the predefined interface comprises a
23 toolbar.

24 13. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the predefined interface comprises a
25 toolbar.

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1 14. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting
2 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface
3 comprising:

4 a memory for storing a property ~~browses~~ browser program module; and
5 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory for executing computer-
6 executable instructions operable for:

7 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with the
8 application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

9 determining a context for the electronic document;

10 creating a palette with the formatting property including at least one control and
11 further based upon the context of the electronic document; and

12 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program for
13 display such that the palette does not obscure the electronic document.

14 15. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is
15 further operable for:

16 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic
17 document;

18 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the
20 context of the electronic document; and

21 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is
22 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

23 16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is
24 further operable for:

25 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously
26 viewed.

27 17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is
28 further operable for:

29 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document
30 can be simultaneously viewed.

1 18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is
2 further operable for:

3 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
4 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

5 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic
6 document.

7 19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is
8 further operable for:

9 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
10 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

11 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the
12 electronic document.

13 20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the context of the
14 electronic document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or
15 graphical content.

16 21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the property consists of
17 one of the following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic
18 document characteristic.

19 22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface
20 comprises a graphical user interface for an application program.

21 23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface
22 comprises a floating palette.

23 24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface
24 comprises a property browser palette window.

25 25. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the predefined interface
26 comprises a toolbar.

27 26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the predefined interface
28 comprises a toolbar.

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1 27. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting
2 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface
3 comprising:

4 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and
5 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory, for executing computer-
6 executable instructions operable for:

7 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with
8 the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

9 determining a context for the electronic document;

10 creating a palette with the formatting property including at least one control
11 and further based upon the context of the electronic document;

12 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be
13 simultaneously viewed;

14 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program;

15 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the
16 electronic document; and

17 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic
18 document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change
20 in the context of the electronic document;

21 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the
22 electronic document can be simultaneously viewed; and

23 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified
24 palette is displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface, said modified
25 palette being displayed such that the modified palette does not obscure viewing of said electronic
26 document.